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TAGS: PFOR, ECIN, TO, NI

SUBJECT: HIGH-POWERED FMG DELEGATION LEAVES FOR LOME ECOWAS

**SUMMIT** 

1. XMG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO LEAVES TODAY FOR LOME TO ATTEND TWO-DAY ECOWAS SUMMIT BEGINNING TOMORROW. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO LAGOS SATURDAY. NIGERIAN DELEGATION INCLUDES EXTAFF COMMISSIONER GARBA, COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DR. T. M. AKOBO, COMMISSIONER FOR COOPERATIVES U.A.MUTALLAB, COMMISSIONER FOR SPECIAL DUTIES M. AJOSE-ADEOGUN AND SMC MEMBER (NO SPECIFIC DUTIES ANNOUNCED) LT. COMMANDER O.E. UKIWE.

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2. COMMENT: DURING VISIT OF CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT PEREIRA LAST

WEEKEND (REPORTED SEPTEL), OBASANJO SAID THAT ECOWAS TREADY PROTOCOLS WOULD BE SIGNED "VERY SOON." AT AMBASSADOR'S ELECTION EVE PARTY LAST NIGHT, MEA OFFICIALS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ALL WOULD GO WELL AT LOME BUT, VOLUNTEERED THAT ALL PROBLEMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED AND SUCCESS NOT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. WE NOTE THAT THIS IS OBASANJO'S FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE NIGERIA SINCE HE BECAME HEAD OF STATE.

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